

Highland Band Parents
October 20, 2008

Officers present: Angela Truccano, Jeff Menz, Susan Bowman, Diane Hoyt
Band Directors: Mr. Allen, Mr. Dugger, Mr. McElwee
12 members present

The meeting was called to order by President Angela Truccano. Secretary's report was given. Dawn Reagan made a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting and 2nd by Dave Hickey. The minutes were approved as given. The treasurer's report was given by Susan Bowman. She pointed out the money raised for the Cardinal games was \$2300 this year versus \$5000 last year. IMEA has a negative \$ amt. for start up money and no income has been posted yet. Dave Hickey made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and 2nd by Dawn Reagan. Treasurer's report was approved as given.

Directors' Reports:

- Mr. Allen reported that he took 70 kids to play at the Grizzlies game. He made it a voluntary event and did give extra credit. The students had a good time. He had 10 students make the IMEA band. This was not as many as last year; however he was happy with the turn out. The festival is Nov. 1st. Fall concert was a success. He congratulated Mr. McElwee and Mr. Wilson for their progress with the bands. A Veterans Day Assembly will take place on Nov. 7th at 2 p.m. The band will be playing an Armed Forces Medley with a guest conductor from the Air Force Band.
- Mr. Dugger reported that Gary Smith, a retired Marching Illini Band Director came in to help the band with their field show. The students practiced 280 hours for field show competitions and it paid off at the Newton/Effingham competitions. The band placed 3rd over all in their class at both competitions. Mr. Dugger could not have been more proud of their performances. Auditions for Concert/Symphonic bands will be held Oct. 28th and 29th. If the football team would have an extended season and a band is needed, he will take a pep band to the games because marching band season ends after this weekend's events. IMEA-10 students signed up to participate, only 3 members showed up and of the 3, 1 made Jazz Band and 1 made Concert Band. Prairie Honor Band list will be posted Oct. 21st. The event is Nov. 25th.
- Mr. McElwee/Mr. Wilson-Mr. McElwee reported that the Veteran's Day Assembly is for the upper elementary band students and the Jan. 15th concert will be the HUE and Grantfork bands. The band is getting ready for their Winter Concert on Dec. 9th. Mr. McElwee added 6 students to his band after the open enrollment last month.

Old Business

- Cardinal games-Leon Uhe reported that next Feb/Mar we will need to request the games we want to work for next year. The question was asked if they would be willing to chair this fundraiser again next year. A decision will be made later.

- Fall Fundraiser-The orders along with money are due back on Oct. 23rd. The committee members will be meeting on Monday, Oct. 27th at 6:30 p.m. at the Korte Company to help tally all orders. Pick up will be on Friday, Dec. 12th from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. in the HS kennel. Unpacking of the goods will start at noon that day in the kennel and parental help is needed.
- Senior night football game-Oct. 24th is senior night. All senior band members and their parents will be recognized. Parents and their senior are to meet at the south gate of the stadium at 6:30 p.m. Any help for pit crew, water jugs, and uniforms is greatly appreciated.
- IMEA-Jeff Menz thanked all who helped in anyway through donations of products and time working. After expenditures, we cleared over \$1325. Water and soda donations were slow to start but received a lot the day before and day of the event. Next year there will be an earlier cutoff date of these items. Also, we need to look at a place for the bus drivers for next year.

New Business

- U of I competition Saturday, Oct. 25th. The itinerary has been posted. We have enough chaperones. There is a truck issue since the band truck has been damaged and is not drivable for this competition. Available options were discussed and being looked in to. The Bowmans have volunteered to have breakfast ready at the rest stop on Sat.
- Middle School home basketball games-The first game the middle school will be performing at is Nov. 13th. The rest of the games have been taken off of the calendar due to the uncertainty of the basketball schedule.
- Elementary Band and Music program-5th grade will perform on Nov. 17th in the auditorium.
- HS Spring awards night-A committee was formed to organize this event with Mr. Dugger and Mr. McElwee. The volunteers are Vicki Deuser, Susan Bowman, Terri and Jeff Menz, and Sharon Frey. The group will secure a place to hold this event, a caterer for a dinner, awards, and a dance. This will be for all band members and their parents to attend.
- Tux shirts/ties-A reminder has been sent to all freshmen that a tux shirt and tie is needed before the Winter Concert Dec. 16th. This can be purchased at Gliks for \$14.60.

The next band parent meeting will be Monday, November 17th, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school kennel. Motion to adjourn the meeting was presented by Vicki Deuser and 2nd by Terry Menz.

Meeting adjourned.

Diane Hoyt-Secretary